



# Searles School and Chapel

## Minutes

### Searles Trustees Meeting June 21, 2016

A meeting was held at the Searles School and Chapel on June 28, 2016 at 1:00 PM. Three trustees, Peter Griffin, Fred Linnemann, and Betty Dunn were present, not constituting a quorum. John Mentuck and Roy Dennehy, trustees, were not present.

Also present was Searles Coordinator Donna Markham, Town Administrator, Jack McCartney representing town maintenance, and Shane Gendron from Herbert and Assoc.

The topic of this meeting was proposal to bring forward the 2011 septic design for Searles. That plan had been drawn up by Herbert and Assoc. and had been approved by the state, but had not been constructed. The state approval time frame has passed and the approval is no longer valid. Since the time of the approval, decorative plantings had been done in the area where the septic field would be constructed. The size of the septic field is determined by the number of persons allowed in the building for events.

S. Gendron described the reasons why the septic field was set up in the area to the rear of the building near the soccer field fence. He explained that the septic system had to be at least 100 feet away from the well. The well is located behind the building near the rear entrances. The system also had to be outside the WWPD that extends 100 feet from the brook on the north side of the lower parking lot. There is insufficient area in the front between the driveway and the state right of way. Because of all these factors, the only available space is the area by the soccer field.

There was some discussion on the status of the well and whether or not it should be considered a community well. The board will review the testing that has been done on the water.

S. Gendron said that part of the line of decorative plantings would have to be removed during the construction. He also said that the septic field would not require a raised bed. There would be enough of a slope between the building and the bed that the cover over the bed would not exceed the existing grade. There would be no visible septic system hump. The existing grade would extend farther toward the soccer field fence where there is presently a slope. He said there would be two vent pipes out of the septic field, one at 13 feet, and one 4 feet. He will try to see if this design can use 4 foot vent pipes instead of the

The meeting continued outside in the back of the lawn where markers had been placed showing the outline of the septic bed. Jay Yennaco, owner of Delahunty nurseries and who had installed the decorative plantings, joined the meeting. He indicated that he could pull up the plantings and store and water them in such a way that they are likely to survive and could be replanted. He discussed the irrigation system and that it would be relatively easy to reconfigure. The plantings would be put back outside the area of the septic bed. They will be configured in such a way as to continue the present line as much as possible.

Shane Gendron will update and re-submit this plan to the state. Dave Sullivan will start the process for bidding on the construction while the plan is pending with the state.

The non-functioning light over the west side entrance to the driveway was also discussed. Jack McCartney had contacted the electric company in the past. He will do so again and talk to D. Sullivan to see if the light is listed on the town's monthly bill and enlist his help in getting the light repaired.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Betty Dunn, Secretary